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In response to the Office Action dated November 8, 2000, please consider the following.

Kindly cancel Claims 1-8 and add new Claims 9-16 as follows:

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